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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF  
CONTROLLING APPARATUS HAVING CONTROL SECTIONS  
FOR PERMITTING USE OF DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS (As  
Amended)

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated September 8, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

**Amendments to the Title and to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: